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DESTINO STEPS UP TO THE PLATE

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Every team has to face turnover from year to year, that is just part of college sports. However, this South Carolina

baseball team faces an especially daunting task as they try to replace sluggers like Kyle Martin, Max Schrock and Elliott Caldwell in their lineup.

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As a freshman, Destino played as a pure power hitter but will look to expand his role heading into this spring.

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Lee Goble held a special session of Student Senate to vote on Kaufman's impeachment Monday.

Senate votes 37 to 1 to acquit Kaufman

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Last week, Student Body President Jonathan Kaufman was recommended for acquittal by the Court of Impeachment, a temporary committee overseeing impeachment proceedings. In the impeachment hearing Monday night in the Russell House theater, Kaufman was found not guilty of the original charge of failure to nominate an Elections Commissioner within two weeks of his presidential inauguration. Evidence showed that Kaufman nominated third-year sociology and Russian student Cory Alpert on time. Chief Justice of the Constitutional Council Ross

Abbott issued a statement to the Court of Impeachment on Oct. 12. "...the codes surrounding the appointment of an elections commissioner are imperfectly constructed and require revision," Abbott said. "We do not believe that an impeachment would be justified by this flawed section of the codes in their current state." The Court and the Student Senate reconvened for another a special session of Student Senate, called by Student Body Vice President Lee Goble, to vote for either Kaufman's official acquittal or his removal from office. The Senate moved to concur with the acquittal recommendations. This was decided by a 37-1 vote. The one vote in favor of

impeachment was from Sen. Zachary Kirby, who initially brought up the charge against Kaufman. Kirby was approached by the Daily Gamecock for a statement, but preferred not to comment on the situation. "I think the vote kind of speaks for itself," third-year biochemistry and molecular biology student and Sen. Izlen Peksenar said. The Court, the Senate and several members of the student body were in attendance. Goble read over the outline of the recommendation for impeachment, and then a vote was cast by the 38 student senators. Upon the Senate's

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Fall breakers offer student service



Regan Freeman / THE DAILY GAMECOCK

Volunteers will offer their services in an alternative fall break.

Emily Barber
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In the days directly following Columbia's devastating floods earlier this month, an unprecedented number of students rallied behind UofSCRelief and the Leadership and Service Center to help the community recover. Later this week, a group

of students will participate in an Alternative Fall Break dedicated to that same cause: rebuilding Columbia. From Thursday to Saturday, volunteers will gather at the Leadership and Service Center early in the morning. They will be transported to different parts of Columbia

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Cultivating a healthy campus culture

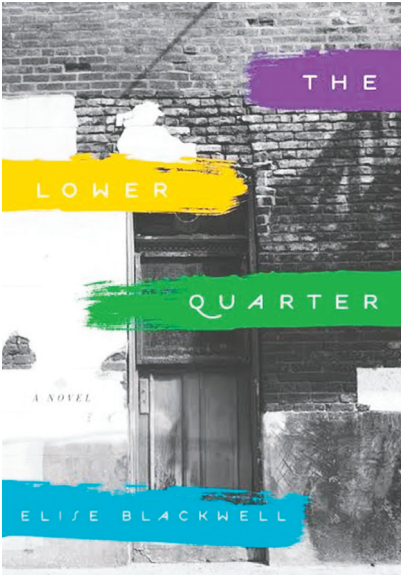
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There are many ways to train and maintain a healthy mind, body and spirit while on campus at USC. To help with that challenge, the university's Healthy Carolina program is hosting the Healthy Campus Summit Wednesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Capstone Campus Room. When asked about their opinions on the quality of access to healthy living at USC, most students, like first-year chemical engineering student Jacqueline Phillips, thought of the different dining options at the university. "I really appreciate all the food options USC offers. They cater to all of the student's likings and go out of their way to offer healthy and fresh meals," Phillips said. While not every student enjoys eating healthy in Russell House — or even

substituting a Chick-fil-A sandwich for a crunchy salad — knowing that there is an available option for a healthier meal is still comforting to students. "I would say, food-wise, USC has lots of healthy options. I don't necessarily eat at those places, but it's good to know they're there," first-year public relations student Logan Sexton said. While most students support the idea of healthy options at USC, including supporting ways to promote proper dietary and mental health, some students, like first-year marketing student Jack Jarrell, opposed the idea of mandatory healthy eating. "I think USC has more than enough healthy options, and I don't think they should force us to use them. It shouldn't be required," Jarrell said. The Healthy Campus Summit is free to students.

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USC professor writes 5th novel



Courtesy of Elise Blackwell

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Elise Blackwell is no stranger to storytelling. In fact, the USC English professor and novelist began writing stories when she was only 5 years old. "I was encouraged by my grandfather," Blackwell said. "But the passion was there even before he started offering me a dollar a story." Years later, Blackwell's passion for writing is still strong. She somehow manages to find time to teach students writing and

publishing, all while writing and publishing talented prose herself. Blackwell's newest and fifth novel, "The Lower Quarter," released Sept. 21, 2015, deals with a devastated New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina. A native of Louisiana, Blackwell's understanding of the area lends a very genuine feel to her latest work. The book mourns the destruction in New Orleans — an homage to the city's strength and an examination of recovery.

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Two SC legislators hired as consultants by City Manager

According to The State, City Manager Teresa Wilson has directly hired two state legislators to do consulting work for the city. Rep. Mia McLeod and state Sen. John Scott have been hired because of their expertise, not because of their positions in state government. McLeod and Scott's businesses, McLeod Butler Communications and C&S Consulting Group, will each receive up to \$49,500. The hiring of McLeod and Scott will allow the consultants to advise the city on several matters. State law does not prohibit legislators from working for a city or county government, however if the lawmakers were to use their legislative powers to lobby for the city government, it could be a breach of ethical code.

—Compiled by Patrick Ingraham, News Editor

Indiana University student arrested after attacking Muslim woman

After being arrested for attacking a Muslim woman, 19-year-old Indiana University student Triceten Bickford is under serious scrutiny by the FBI according to NBC's Bloomington, Indiana affiliate, WTHR. The institution initiated a "civil rights investigation" to determine if Bickford's crime was a hate crime. On Saturday, Bloomington police responded to reports of an assault at a café. The police report states that Bickford shouted slurs and threats at a 47-year-old Muslim woman who was sitting at a table before he grabbed her by the neck and forced her head down toward the table. The report also states Bickford tried to remove the scarf on her head with his other hand which made her unable to breathe. Bickford could face federal charges pending the FBI's investigation.

—Compiled by Patrick Ingraham, News Editor

Texas prohibits funding to Planned Parenthood clinics

Reuters.com reported Monday that Texas health officials announced in a letter that all funds from Medicaid given to Planned Parenthood clinics across the state will be cut. This comes in response to an anti-abortion group, the Center for Medical Progress, that released secret footage of the handling of aborted fetuses at several clinics. Texas Gov. Greg Abbott released a statement saying that the "barbaric practice" should not be allowed in his state. Just a few hours before that, U.S. District Judge John deGravelles stopped the state of Louisiana's attempt to cut funding to Planned Parenthood for the next two weeks. Planned Parenthood Executive Vice President Dawn Laguens announced in a statement that the organization "will fight back against this outrageous, malicious, political attack in Texas with everything we've got."

—Compiled by Patrick Ingraham, News Editor

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Of course, maintaining a healthy diet is not the only way students at USC can be healthy overall. The Healthy Campus Summit plans on elaborating more on mental health rather than focusing on the importance of maintaining a healthy and balanced diet. The conference will designate times during the event to discuss suicide prevention, substance abuse recovery and the importance of peer support.

According to their webpage, the Healthy Carolina mission

statement is “to create a healthy campus environment that promotes the development and maintenance of a healthy body, mind and spirit through the collaborative development, promotion and assessment of policies, programs, services and initiatives that address all dimensions of wellness for the members of the ... campus community.”

Healthy Carolina encourages students to learn new ways that they can take care of not only their physical health, but their mental and emotional health as well.

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The final vote count at Monday night’s special senate session was 37 to 1 to acquit.

BREAKPAGE1

and surrounding communities that are still feeling the effects of the flood and will work until early evening. In the spirit of a true alternate break, the volunteers will also prepare and eat dinner together at the end of each day.

In addition to the volunteer opportunity this weekend, there are other one-day service trips dedicated

to the flood relief effort. Each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, students can volunteer during a certain time. The locations of these opportunities change as needs arise in the area.

The flood disaster sparked an enthusiasm for community service at USC unlike anything else in recent history. It brought the needs of the community to the forefront of students’

minds.

Even after the effects of the flood have been managed, Columbia will still have challenges. Students can continue to help improve campus, the city and surrounding areas. New and ongoing volunteer opportunities can be found at the Leadership and Service Center on the second floor of Russell House and on their website www.sa.sc.edu/leadershipandservice.

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Halloween flick picks

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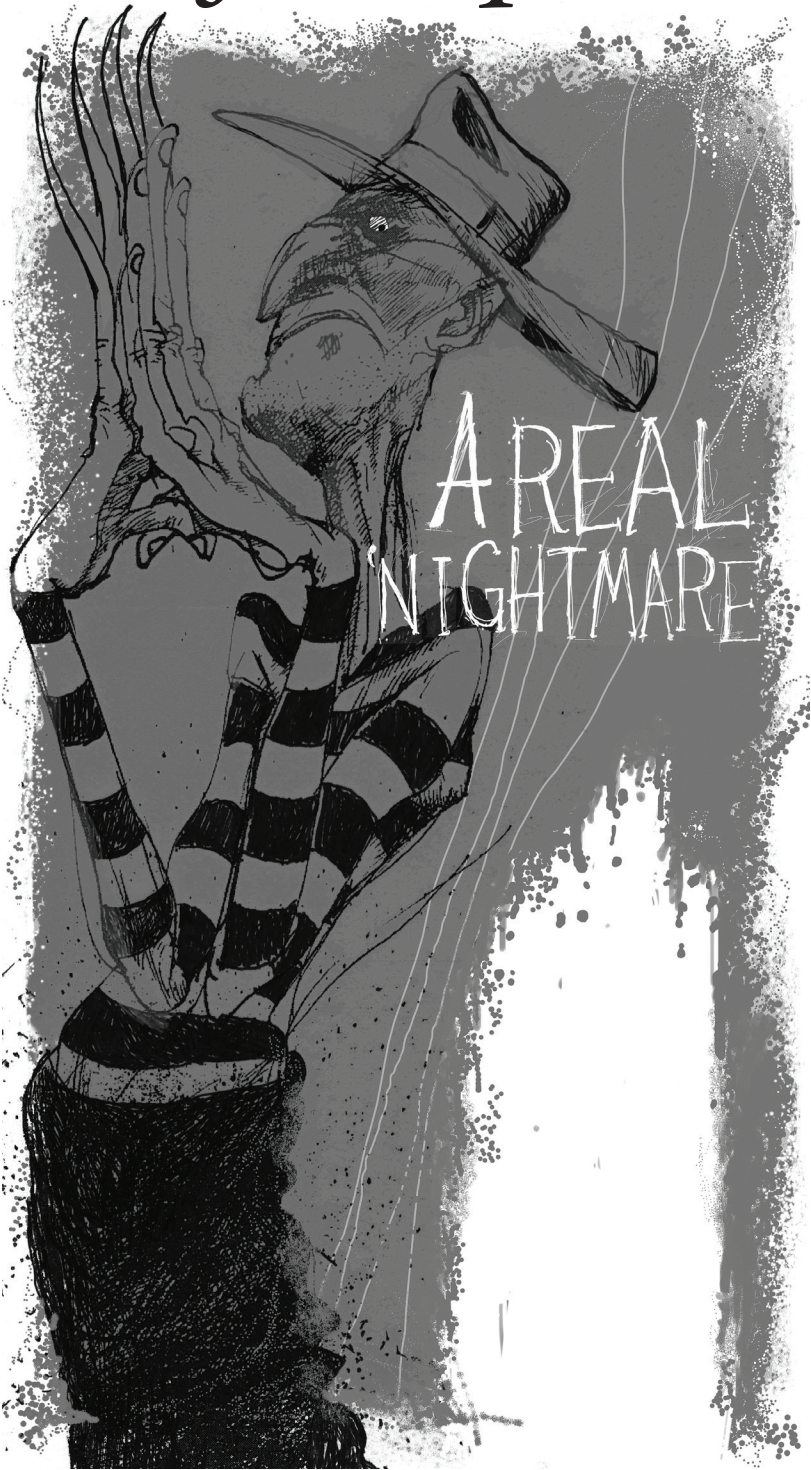
In just a few weeks, streets will be bustling with children and adults dressed as the usual ghosts, zombies and witches as well as this year’s crop of trendy costumes.

To get into the spooky spirit of Halloween, many of us watch Disney Channel favorites like “Halloweentown” or “Twitches,” while others watch classic horror films like “A Nightmare on Elm Street” or “Halloween.” As much as I love these timeless films, it is time to expand the portfolio and add some new flicks to the list. These movies are guaranteed to get your blood pumping and your adrenaline going next time you decide to have a scary movie marathon.

1. “The Strangers” is the story of a couple, Kristen (Liv Tyler) and James (Scott Speedman), who are tortured and harassed by three masked strangers in their remotely located home. Kristen and James test the boundaries of what is morally correct in order to survive. The eerie setting and the anonymity of these “Strangers” is bone-chilling, but even more frightening is the fact that these circumstances are entirely plausible and could happen to anyone at any time.

2. “Hide and Seek,” starring Robert De Niro as David Callaway and a young Dakota Fanning as Emily Callaway, follows the father-daughter duo as they move deep into the country to recuperate from the recent loss of Emily’s mother. Emily forms a strong attachment to Charlie, her imaginary friend. When strange events start to haunt the Callaway household, Emily claims that Charlie is to blame. However, Charlie’s actions become increasingly more dangerous, and soon the family begins to wonder just who they need to protect themselves from.

3. “The Others,” available on Netflix, is for the more supernaturally-inclined viewer. This film takes us to England during World War II, where Grace (Nicole Kidman) and her children Anne and Nicholas



Courtesy of New Line Cinema

await word on their missing father as they settle into their new home. The children’s strange behavior causes Grace to believe that they are not adjusting well, but soon she questions whether or not something more paranormal is at the root of these events.

4. “Sorority Row,” available on Netflix, brings a terrible spin to Greek life. Take this movie for what it is — a sometimes cliché yet frightening slasher film — and you will enjoy it. Blood, guts and gore aplenty, this film shows what happens when a mysterious killer tortures the girls responsible for covering

up the death of a fellow Theta Pi sister.

5. “Devil’s Pass,” released in 2013 to the U.S. and available on Netflix, is a grotesque thriller shot in the popular “documentary” style. The film follows five college students as they hike through the Ural Mountains in Russia to investigate the true story of nine hikers who died strangely and mysteriously in 1959. When they reach the Dyatlov Pass, they are engrossed in the same circumstances as the hikers who met their ends decades before. Their findings are controversial, disturbing and increasingly fatal.

Pentatonix album struggles



Courtesy of Pentatonix

“Pentatonix”

Release Date: Oct. 18

Artist: Pentatonix

Label: RCA Records

Duration: 54 minutes

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On Oct. 16, 2015, a cappella sensation Pentatonix released their sixth album, “Pentatonix.”

The winner of “The Sing-Off” in 2011, Pentatonix are known for their covers of pop songs such as “Somebody That I Used To Know,” “Radioactive” and “Starships.”

Throughout their first three volumes, the a cappella group has written and sung original songs along with covers and mash-ups. This album, however, is the group’s first self-titled original album.

Despite evoking fond memories of “Pitch Perfect” and “Cups,” this album is more similar to “Pitch Perfect 2,” where the jokes were forced and the acting was not like it used to be.

The first two songs of the album are a reminder of why a cappella groups should just stick to cover songs. “Can’t Sleep Love” makes you uncomfortable as you decide whether it sounds like new music or the “Pitch Perfect” rendition of “I Saw the Sign.” It actually has the same rhythm. The third song, “Sing,” resembles the middle school craze of “High School Musical,” and the next two songs are the same — if not worse.

The song “Water” keeps the awkwardness going with lyrics that sound like a 13-year-old wrote them and a sound reminiscent of Demi Lovato when she was acting on Disney Channel.

A cappella groups are well known for their voices but not so much for their lyricism. The phrase “I need you like water” is very unoriginal and very bland. Of all the similes in the world, Pentatonix

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Courtesy of Sony Pictures Entertainment

‘Goosebumps’ satisfies

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“Goosebumps” is more of a tribute to a book series than a scary movie. While the books may have been a scary read as a child, the movie is more of a fun-filled, Jumanji-style ride down memory lane.

Fortunately, that’s why the movie works as well as it does. Growing up in the 1990s or 2000s, chances are pretty high that you read the “Goosebumps” series, or maybe you just read a few of the books.

The movie captures most of the main creatures and monsters from the series and dumps them into the movie. The more popular characters get a larger screen presence, while lesser ones are present as cameos.

Watching Slappy, the ventriloquist dummy, command his army of creatures or seeing the abominable snowman of Pasadena wreck a house are a couple, out of many, highlights in the film. There are a lot of fun action sequences throughout the movie that utilize different creatures effectively.

Unfortunately, the movie loses itself in the midst of the sheer chaos of trying to fit so much into one film. The third act is one action scene after the other. The movie doesn’t get a chance to stop and breathe until it’s over. Despite the third act falling apart, the rest of the movie remains strong.

Jack Black plays “Goosebumps” writer R.L. Stine. Though Black’s acting comes across as over-the-top at

first, it actually works within the movie itself. His charisma and on-screen presence carry the movie through some of the weaker action sequences and quiet moments.

Joining Black are Dylan Minnette, Odeya Rush and Ryan Lee. None of the names are particularly familiar to most people, but the three of them stand up well enough against Black on screen. Lee has several slapstick moments in the film that work surprisingly well.

And that’s the thing. For a movie based on a horror book franchise — albeit for children — the movie isn’t scary. There are some tense moments and dangerous situations, but

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“Ultimately the book both mourns loss and celebrates resilience, and I think both are possible simultaneously,” Blackwell said. “One idea the novel explores is the degree to which various forms of recovery are and aren’t possible — and for whom.”

“The Lower Quarter” revolves around different characters in the fallout of a murder that occurred during Katrina. The chapters alternate between the perspective of four people, giving the novel an interesting zigzag of main

characters. This variance only adds to the complexity and fascination of the novel’s turn of events and setting.

“It’s a literary noir set in immediate post-Katrina New Orleans,” Blackwell said. “The plot revolves around a mysterious death, which reopens the investigation into a long-missing painting and leads four characters to cross paths against their will.”

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went with “water.”

The last thing that needs to be mentioned is the fact that this original album includes the songs “Where Are Ü Now,” “Cheerleader” and “Lean On” by Jack Ü, OMI and Major Lazer and DJ Snake, respectively. Yes, the album says that the songs were written and sung by Pentatonix, but the group goes back to covers for three of the last songs on the deluxe album.

This move is one of the reasons why this album does not receive an F rating.

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because the movie is playing it safe, the characters never feel like they’re in actual danger.

By far, this is director Rob Letterman’s best work. It’s no surprise he got such a great performance out of

Black considering they had previously worked together on “Shark Tale” and “Gulliver’s Travels.”

If you’re looking for a movie to watch this Halloween, “Goosebumps” won’t scare you, but it will be a surprisingly pleasant

watch. It’s got action, comedy and even some great regulars from your favorite “Goosebumps” series. Hopefully, the next “Goosebumps” movie won’t hesitate to add in the scares from the book.

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Blackwell’s position as a USC English professor adds a unique layer to her writing and teaching. Blackwell is a part of the very field in which her students are experimenting, and she has well-tested advice to offer about writing and publishing. The new book has themes that all of humanity can relate to but also includes specific elements that may cater to college students.

“As for ... whether my books might appeal specifically to college students: College students are humans first and care about most of the same things other people care

about,” Blackwell said. “We are all affected by the same big things — mortality, relationships and so forth. But I do think one character in ‘The Lower Quarter’ might particularly resonate with college students, and that is the character of Marion. She’s young, [she’s] torn between an artistic calling and the need to make a living and she’s trying to get by on her own in an uncertain situation.”

“The Lower Quarter” will satisfy readers looking for an adventurous tale. Even more, this novel by one of USC’s locals will give audiences a masterful example of storytelling that speaks to all types of people through universal life experiences.



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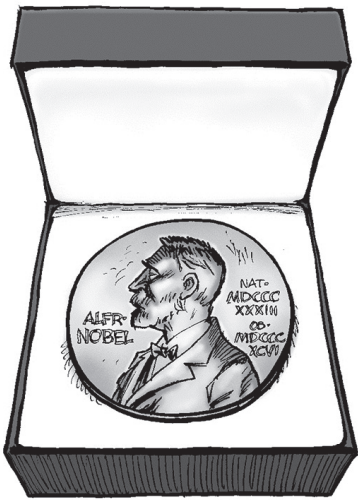


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Kaufman impeachment process unnEEDED, acquittal deserved

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Student Body President
acquitted of charges.

OUR STANCE

Impeachment was
unnecessary, waste of time.

“Our long national
nightmare is over.”
Those were the words of
Gerald Ford, after the potential
impeachment of Richard Nixon
ended with Nixon’s resignation.
Although USC Student Body
President Jonathan Kaufman
was ultimately acquitted in
Monday night’s impeachment
hearing, we feel sort of the same
way Ford did. We think the
entire impeachment saga was
an unnecessary waste of time
and has been a black eye for
USC’s Student Government.
The final vote, 37 to 1 in

favor of Kaufman remaining
in office, shows just how
ridiculous this entire charade
has been. Only Sen. Zachary
Kirby, who brought the
charges, voted for Kaufman’s

*“The final vote ... shows
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been.”*

removal.
We believe this process has
exposed a flaw in the system
— namely, that one senator can
move to impeach the student
body president and throw SG
into chaos. That’s not the way

most local and state legislatures
in this country work, much less
the United States Congress.
We stand by our stance that
Kaufman should not have been
impeached in the first place.
The recommendation from
the Court of Impeachment
committee correctly noted
Kaufman’s error in the
nomination process for
elections commissioner, but
wisely pointed out how silly
it would be to throw him out
of office. Surely there must
have been a better way to
rebut Kaufman than what has
transpired.
Now, as Student Body Vice
President Lee Goble said, it’s
time to get back to business for
Student Government. We hope
they can make up for lost time
and start getting things done
for the student body.

Misogyny in a ‘liberated’ age



Andy
Wilson
First-year
English student

The sexual revolution was supposed to liberate
women from oppressive social restrictions on what they
did with their bodies.
It was largely successful in its campaign to divorce
sexuality from marriage and childbearing. But in the
culture of our post-revolution world, we have begun to
see why such restrictions existed and the adverse effects
of removing them.
For time immemorial, in order to obtain sexual
pleasure in a way condoned by society, men had
to submit to a monogamous union. Admittedly,
monogamy has always been a high standard, and
extramarital affairs have been going on as long as
marriage.
Now that sex is divorced from marriage, which
entails a comparatively long period of relationship-
building prior to consummation, a woman can become
a mere object in the minds of men, something to be
manipulated, tricked or forced into giving the man
what he wants.
This objectification of women is rampant in our
culture and leads to an even more dangerous state
of mind — that of viewing sexual relationships as a
masculine conquest. Our society, tolerant as it is of the
hookup culture, tends to draw a line here and censure
those men who publicly express their views of conquest.
For instance, the two owners of Waking Life
Espresso, a popular coffee shop in Asheville, North
Carolina, for years ran an anonymous blog detailing
their sexual exploits in a viciously misogynistic fashion.
When they were found out recently, the outcry was
so great that they were forced to shut down, despite
apologizing publicly.
What we must address, however, is that such moral
filth is the natural outgrowth of our culture’s attitudes
about sex. We cannot rid ourselves of these prevalent
attitudes about sex as a conquest until we deal with the
root of such thought and behavior.
As long as our society continues to reinforce this
demeaning view of women by standards of dress and
behavior, portrayals in the media and pornography, the
ancient and vile specter of misogyny will continue to
rear its ugly head. But societal conventions will only be
changed when enough individuals buck those norms.
With that in mind, let me give a word to both sexes:
women, be conscious that objectification runs rampant,
and men, be vigilant to ensure you view each and every
woman you meet as a person as inherently valuable and
worthy of respect as yourself, not as a sexual object.
Combating misogyny begins today, with each of us.

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Brandon
Middleton
Third-year
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On a chilly winter morning
in January 1961, John F.
Kennedy walked proudly across
Capitol Hill to be sworn in as
the youngest president elected
to office. With each snow-
crunching step he took, the
hopes and dreams of millions
of Americans rested upon his
shoulders.
In front of a crowd of 20,000
and a large television and radio
audience, he uttered the now
famous line, “Ask not what
your country can do for you
— ask what you can do for your
country.”
In that moment, all who heard
those words were inspired to
become something more than
their individual selves. They
were not segregated by gender,
socio-economic status or race.
When President Kennedy
finished his famous sentence,
the people who lived in America
weren’t simply citizens any
longer. They were Americans. A
collective family who shouldered
each other’s fears, who
weathered each other’s struggles
and worked toward the common
goal of the advancement of the
United States.

What few remember, however,
are the words that followed
JFK’s famous remarks. “My
fellow citizens of the world: Ask
not what America will do for
you, but what together we can
do for the freedom of man.” You
see, what JFK was attempting
to inspire was a passion in all
mankind to work as a collective
humanity toward the betterment
of the world as a whole.
And the world listened.
As a nation, we safely avoided
nuclear war during the Cuban
Missile Crisis, and we saw the
first-ever nuclear test ban treaty
between opposing world powers.
We addressed the necessities
of a civil rights movement, and
we ushered in an era of human
rights. Lastly, we achieved the
first walk on the moon and we
achieved “one giant leap for
mankind.”
After all of these amazing
things happened, we seem to
have lost this sense of not only
worldwide progress but the
progress of America. Now, more
than ever, we seem to want not
only other nations to fail but our
fellow Americans to fail as well.
We root against presidents
who do not share our ideology
and blame our failures on others
who do not want us to succeed.
We clash angrily with our
police, our government, even
our rival sports fans — all of
whom are our neighbors, our

friends and our families.
Maybe it has always been
this way. Maybe the way I
view the spirit of the past is
wrong. Maybe there was never
a desire to become more than
our individual selves, and what
President Kennedy attempted
to inspire in us over 50 years
ago fell on deaf ears. After all,
Martin Luther King Jr.’s dream
left him dead, the Cold War
lasted about 45 years and we still
haven’t managed to get back to
the moon since 1972.
Maybe all of that simply goes
to show that the past isn’t always
as great as we remember it to be
— that all eras of human history
have been as imperfect as the
one we live in today. But then
why should we not try to create
the perfect present based on our
selective memories of the past?
The good memories, the ones
that make us smile, make us
proud to be American. Further
still, they are the ones that make
us proud to be humans. Why not
create a truly realized present on
the foundation of the ideals that
we are taught in school, the ones
that we are proud of, the ones
we remember?
Thomas Jefferson may have
called it life, liberty and the
pursuit of happiness. Others
may call it equality, tolerance
and success for all. I simply call
it the promise of America.

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Aries

Friends are a big help today and tomorrow. Unexpected breakdowns hold your focus. An illusion dissipates, and communication difficulties don’t help. Maintain balance amid upheaval. Take a time-out when necessary. You can afford to feed your crew.

Taurus

Stay steadily on course. A formidable barrier blocks the path, so take care. Wait to see what opens up. Work with someone who sees your blind spots. Career opportunities show up today and tomorrow. Advance when you can.

Gemini

Innovations upset the routine, although joyfully exciting. Physical exercise reduces stress. Care for your people. Don’t pick a fight with someone bigger. Be firm, yet gracious. Manage existing responsibilities and resist temptation to accept new ones. Wait.

Cancer

There’s a solution. Wasting money is unnecessary and gives the wrong impression. Reduce insistence on getting your own way. Postpone an outing until the job is done. Figure out what skills you lack. Focus on your goals.

Leo

Enjoy a two-day partnership phase. Spend time with an attractive person. Ideas flow freely. Emotions go haywire. If at first you don’t succeed, try again with modifications. You could learn more than you wanted to know. Work interferes with play.

Virgo

Dig into a big job. The work is in the details. Profit from meticulous service. Focus on your work today and tomorrow. Balance chaos with peace — noise with quiet. Rely on a rigorous schedule. Get creative.

Libra

Enjoy some fun and relaxation today and tomorrow. Proceed slowly or break something. Fact and fantasy clash. Harsh words could easily fly. Decrease clutter. Go for clarity. Include tranquil moments in beauty. Spend time near the water.

Scorpio

Family matters need attention now. Perfect your environment. Play with long-range ideas and dabble in elements like color, form and line. Take notes. Chart site plans. Budget to conserve resources while nurturing your clan.

Sagittarius

Emerge from your cocoon over the next two days. Take advantage of changes. Clean up messes. Consider an older person’s feelings. Don’t try a new idea. Give away stuff you don’t need. Take things slow and easy.

Capricorn

Let things cook. Your morale rises along with your income over the next few days. Work more and make more. Watch your step. Conditions seem unstable. Let things percolate over a slow fire.

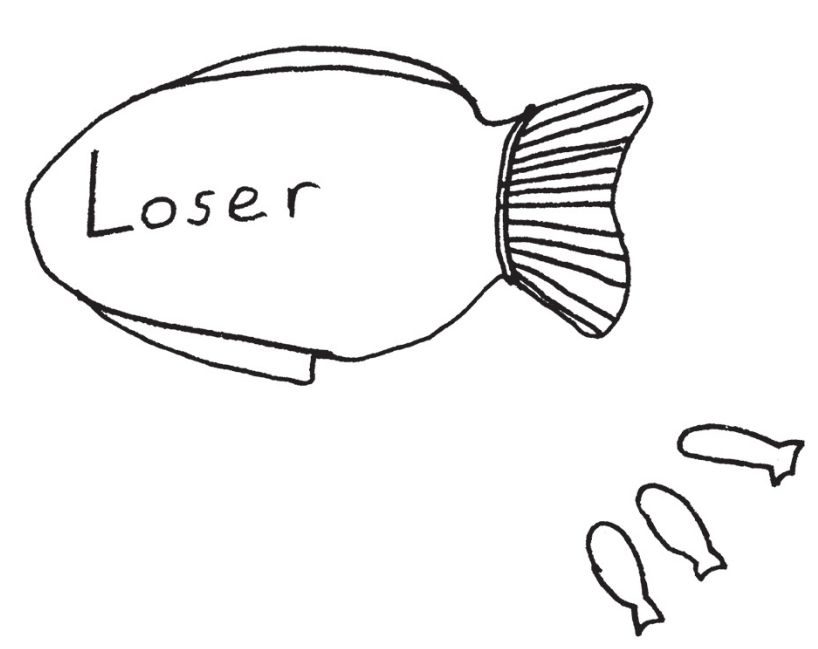
Aquarius

Strike out in a new direction. Follow the path directly ahead. You’re powerful and confident over the next two days. Work out the numbers for a new personal project. Strategize. Drop old assumptions for uncharted territory.

Pisces

Take a few days for peaceful planning and introspection. Putter, cook, clean and speculate. Do some daydreaming. You know the difference between probable outcomes and fantasies. Don’t take on new challenges yet. Decrease stress and rest.

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14 Review of business books
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16 Wound-up fire engine item
17 Jim who sang “You Don’t Mess Around With Jim”
18 Prohibition-era saloon
20 Budget accommodations
22 Chafing dish heaters
23 Basilica recesses
25 Spanish “a”
26 John Kerry’s domain
33 Flirt with
34 Tops, as cupcakes
35 Stephen of “The Crying Game”
36 From the U.S.
37 Dwindled
39 “The Wizard of Oz” lion Bert
40 Little, in Lyons
41 Fictional plantation
42 In __ fertilization
43 Supermarket convenience
47 Tolkien giant
48 Le __, France
49 Rodeo rider, at times
53 Put on an extra sweater, say
57 Complete ninny
59 Alvin of dance
60 Middy
61 __ Reader: alternative media digest
62 Sunday song
63 PDA entry
64 Lewd look
65 Itty-bitty

DOWN
1 Composer of fugues
2 Multinational currency
3 Big fusses

4 Absolute ruler
5 Increase the slope of
6 Tenant
7 Psychic’s claim
8 Iowa State home
9 Showcased
10 Aries
11 Chestnut horse
12 Petro-Canada rival
13 Janitor’s janglers
19 Adoptive parents of Superman
21 ‘60s hallucinogen
24 Popeye’s favorite veggie
26 Physical condition
27 “It takes a licking ...” watch
28 Wolfed down
29 King beater
30 Muse for a bard
31 India’s first prime minister
32 Fortunetelling card
37 Opposite of thrifty
38 Horace’s “__ Poetica”
39 “Ditto”
41 Choir member

42 DVD forerunner
44 Take exception to
45 Boxer “Marvelous” Marvin
46 Adam’s mate
49 Roman moon goddess
50 Perched on
51 “Quit it!”
52 Repetitive learning
54 Actor Alda
55 Kinfolk: Abbr.
56 “Goodness gracious!”
58 Single in a wallet



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Destino finished last year with six home runs and enters 2016 as the main power bat.

DESTINOPAGE1

The players currently on the fall roster accounted for just 279 of 706 total bases posted by last season's team. No one player can be expected to account for all of that missing production, but if you are looking for an underclassman to take a step forward this spring, look no further than sophomore slugger Alex Destino.

There is no denying that the Gamecocks will receive a new infusion of talent from their star-studded recruiting class, but the fate of their season will likely come down to how the sophomores perform as they move into veteran roles. Being a freshman in the SEC is tough — even for a supremely talented player like Destino.

The showcase circuits can only prepare high school players so much for the grind that comes at the next level. While prep players might see a mid-90s fastball a few times before arriving on campus, it is unlikely that they will see that velocity commanded the way collegiate aces master all of their weapons.

So while Destino did struggle at times last season, with a .288 on-base percentage and 25 percent strikeout rate, Destino still performed quite well — his

six home runs were tied for second on the team. This year, the expectations for Destino are much greater. Head coach Chad Holbrook expressed a high degree of confidence in his left-handed slugger.

"Alex is going to be a good player for us," Holbrook said. "He is going to hit in the middle of our lineup, and he is probably our main power threat."

As Holbrook mentioned, Destino's calling card is his light tower power from the left side. While the length in his swing can leave him vulnerable to well-placed velocity on the fringes of the zone, it also generates leverage in his swing that enables him to launch the ball out of any stadium. The rare combination of bat speed, sheer strength and swing leverage makes him a lethal power threat.

Holbrook also praised Destino for the physical work he put in over the offseason.

"He's been great all fall," Holbrook said. "He's in much better shape physically. He's lost a lot of weight. He's more athletic. He's learning to play first base, and he's doing a darn good job of that." Destino also acknowledged that this past offseason was critical for him.

"My send-off meeting with Coach Holbrook was very important to me,

Gamecock tennis falls short at USTA/ITA regional tournament

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The South Carolina men's tennis team was in action this past weekend playing in the USTA/ITA regionals. The tournament was played in Cary, North Carolina, and teams from across the Carolinas came to compete.

The Gamecocks fared well in the early rounds on Friday and Saturday and came into Sunday with five players still alive in the singles bracket and three teams still in contention for the doubles title.

The Gamecocks saw three of their players win singles matches in the round of 16. Redshirt sophomores Gabriel Friedrich, Harrison O'Keefe and Thomas Mayronne all won only to lose their second matches of the day in the quarterfinals. Mayronne came the closest to reaching the semifinals, taking the tournament's sixth

seeded player, Skander Mansouri of Wake Forest, to three sets but losing the third set tiebreaker 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.

Freshman Wood Benton dropped his opening match on Friday but won four straight in the consolation bracket to reach the finals. The remainder of the consolation brackets were canceled before he had a chance to play his finals match.

The Gamecocks fought on into Monday for the doubles matches, with the team of Friedrich and O'Keefe advancing to the quarterfinals as well as the pair of freshman Yancy Dennis and junior Sam Swank. Friedrich and O'Keefe lost in a tough match that took every set and was decided in tiebreaker 6-2, 4-6, 1-0. Dennis and Swank played well but still suffered a loss to the No. 3 overall seed in the doubles bracket. The duo is now tied for the team lead in doubles wins on the season.

telling me what he wants to see out of me from a body standpoint," Destino said. "I really worked on that this summer and I felt like I put myself in a pretty good spot coming into this year."

In addition to the physical transformation, Destino worked on his mental approach while playing for the Wilmington Sharks of the Coastal Plain League. After a year of making adjustments against SEC pitching, Destino prioritized control in the batter's box this past summer. He described his particular philosophy as "trying to be more aggressive earlier in the count and less aggressive in later counts."

That approach worked well for the North Carolina native, as he managed to hit .320 on the summer and earned a nod to the league's All-Star team.

In addition to being a slugging first baseman and outfielder, Destino doubles as a left-handed reliever. The southpaw made just one appearance

out of the pen last season as he focused on developing as an everyday position player, but Destino should get the ball more in 2016. Holbrook is excited about Destino's progress on the mound.

"[Destino's] velocity is up," Holbrook said. "He hit some 90 and 91s (miles per hour) yesterday, and that's pretty good for Alex — in the fall especially. And he's throwing strikes and commanding the strike zone a lot better than he has before."

While it is premature to anoint Destino as the next Kyle Martin, Destino is trying his best to become that type of player, both with his work in the field and at the dish. On the other hand, Destino arguably has even louder tools than Martin, and he may just have a higher ceiling. With all the hard work he has put in to unlock his raw talent, 2016 could very well be the season Alex Destino elevates his game to the next level.

Column: Potential coaches emerge

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Just one week ago, former South Carolina head coach Steve Spurrier announced his resignation and allowed the Gamecocks to begin their search for a new head coach.

Immediately following the announcement, I wrote about the five likeliest candidates to take over for the Head Ball Coach. This week, I'm giving my opinion on the five best candidates for the job.

Athletic Director Ray Tanner mentioned a "roots over resume" approach when looking at outside candidates and in my opinion could go one of three directions with his hiring decision: proven veteran, big-name coordinator or small school success story.

All three are viable options as there have been successful hires from each of the three categories in the past few seasons. The deciding factor, though, will obviously be the candidates themselves rather than the category to which they belong.

Proven Veterans

I do not see the Gamecocks going with someone in this category at all. Not only would Tanner and South Carolina rather go with a younger, more dynamic coach of-the-future after two successive retirees, but South Carolina could avoid competition with other schools, namely Southern California, with a younger pick.

Miami and Southern Cal are more appealing to big-name coaches, so anyone looking for the Philadelphia Eagles' head coach Chip Kelly would be better off looking in those directions. The two exceptions to this would be Texas head coach Charlie Strong and Michigan State head coach Mark Dantonio. Both have ties to South Carolina which, at this point looks to be the only reason either would be considered.

South Carolina would be better off with a younger coach that could start something in Columbia. I think they'll go that direction.

Dynamic Coordinators

Tanner will certainly look at some of the best coordinators in the country, some of whom are waiting to make the jump to a head coaching position.

The downside to hiring a coordinator as a head coach is that in order to maximize success, the school would need a top-notch coordinator to run things on the opposite side of the ball. Still, the Gamecocks could find some success in this category.

The top name is Alabama defensive coordinator Kirby Smart. Arguably one of the top three recruiters in the country, Smart has reportedly turned down several head coaching offers in the past but is quite interested in the South Carolina job.

The other, less publicized name in this group, however, is Jeremy Pruitt. Georgia's defensive coordinator, hired along with Smart at Alabama in 2007, has actually recruited more five-star prospects than Smart.

I believe Pruitt is one of the top potential head coaches at South Carolina. Experts have argued that Pruitt is a better in-game schemer than Smart and would perform better in that regard at South Carolina.

Interim head coach and former co-offensive coordinator Shawn Elliott also fits in this category and holds the edge in roots and passion over almost any candidate. If the team responds well to his leadership, he will be strongly considered for the full-time head coaching position.

Small School Success Stories

Schools always need to be careful when hiring coaches from schools outside of the Power Five. Many simply struggle to make the transition from small school obscurity to major conference contender.

However, many failures result from the jump in attention rather than competition. Often there is a learning curve when it comes to constantly being in the spotlight. That being said, there are scores of talented small-school coaches, and South Carolina could have major success if Tanner does his research.

The two names being thrown around are Tom Herman and Justin Fuente, the head coaches at Houston and Memphis, respectively. Both coaches are undefeated this season and were recently coordinators at current College Football Playoff contenders. Both would seemingly be good fits for a South Carolina program seeking rejuvenation, and both are reportedly interested in the job.



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Texas head coach Charlie Strong was the Gamecock defensive coordinator in the late 1990s under Lou Holtz.

Personally, I like Fuente slightly better because of his experience, but both have the talent and personalities fit to make the jump from mid-majors to South Carolina. Neither name will go away anytime soon.

Biggest Competition

The Gamecocks will not be competing in a USC competition for a coach with the Trojans as Southern Cal will almost certainly look for a veteran following the failures of Steve Sarkisian and Lane Kiffin. Few candidates will overlap between the two USCs.

Maryland will be South Carolina's primary competition. If Miami does indeed fire Al Golden, the Hurricanes could compete with South Carolina for a few potential coaches, but overall, Maryland poses a much bigger threat.

South Carolina and Maryland have both flashed potential in the past and have the resources and draw that comes with being in major conferences.

The two schools will likely interview many similar candidates and could come down to a bidding war, which would give the Gamecocks a slight advantage.